

REMARKS**Comments On Statement Of Reasons For Allowance**

The Examiner's statements of reasons for allowance are hereby acknowledged by Assignee. Assignee agrees that claimed subject matter is patentably distinct from the documents cited by the Examiner; however, Assignee takes no position regarding the reasons for allowance presented by the Examiner, other than the positions Assignee may have previously taken during prosecution of the above-referenced patent application. Therefore, the Examiner's reasons for allowance should not be attributed to Assignee as an indication of the basis for Assignees' belief that any claims are patentably distinct. Furthermore, it is respectfully asserted that there may also be additional reasons for patentability of claimed subject matter not explicitly stated in this record. While in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.104(e), a failure by the Assignee to disagree with the Examiner, or file more detailed comments, does not give rise to any implication that the Assignee agrees with or acquiesce in the reasoning of the Examiner, here, by this document, Assignee is expressly making clear that no such agreement or acquiesce is present.

Status of Claims

In this amendment, claims 3 and 8-10 have been amended to clarify intended subject matter and/or to correct inadvertent typographical errors. It is respectfully submitted that there is adequate support in the specification for the foregoing amendments. These changes do not affect the scope of claimed subject matter and no new matter is introduced by these amendments. Likewise, because scope is not affected, there is no prosecution history estoppel. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner enter the amendments to claims 3 and 8-10 and allow all pending claims to proceed to issuance.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments to the claims, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner enter these amendments and comments so that the application may proceed to issuance. If the Examiner has any questions, she is invited to contact the undersigned at (503) 439-6500.

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Respectfully submitted,

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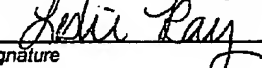
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